



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Principals and Assistant Principals**  
**FROM: Linda Copas, Director of Behavior/Autism Services**  
**DATE: July 5, 2006**  
**RE: 2006 Principals' Academy**

The Department of Education, Division of Special Education, in collaboration with TRIAD of Vanderbilt University, would like to announce a new opportunity for training in the field of autism. The Administrators' Academy is a two-day training taking place in each region of the state. It is open to twelve participants from each region (a total of 36) and is geared specifically toward building-level administrators (e.g., principals and assistant principals) for the purpose of providing information on best practices for students with autism so that administrators may evaluate programs and provide teacher support. Topics will include: characteristics of autism and how they impact learning, best practices and methodologies and how to evaluate teachers who use them, hot topics in the field of autism, IEP development and making program decisions, the use of behavior support plans, and using available resources.

Professional goals will be developed by each administrator specific to their school at the end of the second day.

Trainings will take place in East, Middle, and West Tennessee (see application for dates), and each participant will receive a certificate for the 12 hours of training. There is no cost for this training, and TASL credit will be available.

If you are interested in attending this academy, fill out the application and fax or mail it to:

Linda Copas  
7<sup>th</sup> Fl, AJT  
710 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243  
Fax number 615-532-9412

**Administrators' Academy Application**  
**August 2006**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

School Name (no abbreviations please) \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade levels at your school \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have students with autism in your school?                      Yes                      No

Please list the educational settings available for students with autism at your school: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please circle the location and dates of the academy you wish to attend:

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| <b>August 17, 18, 2006</b> | Location: | Tennessee School for the Blind<br>Atrium<br>115 Stewarts Ferry Pike<br>Nashville, TN 37214 |
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| <b>August 29, 30, 2006</b> | Location: | Carolyn P. Brown University Center<br>Conference Room<br>UT Knoxville |
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| <b>August 29, 30, 2006</b> | Location: | Agricultural Center<br>309 North Parkway<br>Jackson, TN 38305 |
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